Bruce McLaren Automotive Award

Code: 867
Faculty: Engineering
Applicable study: Part II or III BE (Hons) to undertake a study and research placement
Closing date: TBC
Tenure: Up to 12 weeks
For: Travel Award
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $20,000 in total (see Reg.2)

Description

The Award was established in 2016 with generous support from Alumni Rob Whitehouse, Eric Tracey and Neil Paton, with additional support from 2017 onwards from Sir Colin Giltrap, and supported from 2022 onwards by the NZ-UK Link Foundation (UK), Bruce McLaren Trust (NZ) and other donors.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide an international experience of up to twelve weeks for a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) student to travel to the United Kingdom to participate in a study and research placement with McLaren Automotive based at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking, England.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants will be required to attend interviews
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Bruce McLaren Automotive Award.
2. One Award will be made annually and will comprise up to $8,000 to assist with the costs of participating in a study and research placement at the McLaren Technology Centre, including, but not limited to, return economy class airfares from New Zealand to England, domestic travel, and other travel and living related costs, and a study and research placement with McLaren Automotive at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking, England (see Note II), up to a total value of around $20,000. Travel will be undertaken between December and late February (see Note III).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) be enrolled full-time in Part II or III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) and iii) have an interest in automotive engineering. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific applicants) is required for Award consideration (see Note IV).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note IV), the applicant’s demonstrated interest in automotive

engineering, leadership and communication skills, and their participation in extra-curricular activities, as assessed by a personal statement and performance in interviews. Short-listed applicants will be required to attend interviews with the Selection Committee and staff from McLaren Automotive.

5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (or nominee) and one representative of McLaren Automotive (or nominee).
6. The Award of up to $8,000 will be paid in one instalment (see Note II).
7. To be paid the Award, the awardee must provide i) confirmation of travel plans, ii) confirmation the requirements to take up the internship have been met (see Notes III and V), and iii) have registered their travel plans with 360 Interntional in accordance with the Overseas student activity travel registration process (see Note VI).
8. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship that offers a summer internship opportunity. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
10. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC.
12. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.

II. The study and research placement at the McLaren Technology Centre is subject to United Kingdom tax requirements and will be arranged directly with McLaren Automotive.

III. Should it not be possible for the awardee to travel to England in the year of the award, the placement may be deferred until the year following the year of the award.

IV. For students enrolled in Part II, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study (or equivalent). For students enrolled in Part III, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's two most recent years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

V. The awardee will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement with McLaren Automotive before commencing their placement.

VI. Awardees must register their travel plans with 360 International (refer https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/360-international/university-student-activity-travel.html).

VII. The awardee will be required to present a brief report to the Faculty of Engineering about their experience within 4 weeks of their return to New Zealand.

VIII. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living and travel costs while undertaking the placement (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

IX. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, travel or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.